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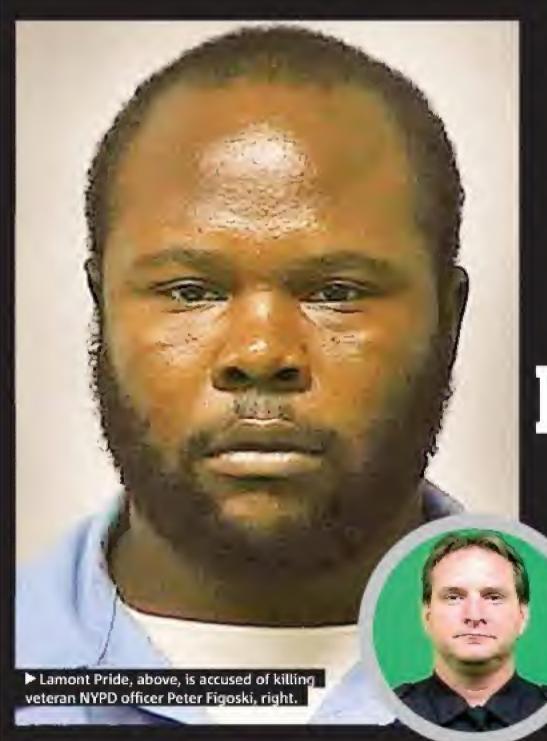
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In the news NY flight in emergency landing

A flight from New York was forced to make an emergency landing Sunday night. According to the Post, a JetBlue flight that took off from JFK was headed to Salt Lake City, but the crew reported smelling smoke in the cockpit. The plane landed upstate. 👴 METRO/AB

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Accused cop killer slips through cracks

The man accused of killing a cop was in NYPD custody just last month Was wanted on multiple warrants in North Carolina But city forced to cut him loose, police say, after North Carolina declined to pick him up



The man accused of murdering a 22-year NYPD veteran in cold blood yesterday was arrested in Brooklyn just more than a month ago — but then let back out onto the streets despite having three outstanding warrants for violent crimes in North Carolina.

Lamont Pride, 27, is accused of fatally shooting NYPD officer Peter Figoski just after 2 a.m. yesterday, after Figoski responded to a robbery call in Cypress Hills.

According to the NYPD, Pride was arrested last month, on Nov. 3, when cops found him in Brooklyn with six bags of cocaine. At that time, he was wanted in Guilford County, N.C., on three outstanding warrants for felony charges, according to the Guilford County sheriff's office. The warrants all stemmed from an August incident, said NYPD deputy commissioner Paul Browne. One of the warrants was for an alleged assault with a deadly weapon, with intent to kill.

The NYPD contacted Guilford County police, Browne said, but North Carolina officials initially decided not to extradite him.

Then, on Nov. 8, Browne said, North Carolina police

changed their minds and told the NYPD they wanted him. But it was too late. "He was in the wind," Browne told Metro.

roinds and Pride allegedly skipped a scheduled Nov. 15 court date and the NYPD sent a fugitive task force of officers out hunting for him.

To extradite?

The expense and time commitment are likely reasons why states decline to pick up wanted suspects, according to a Manhattan defense attorney.

"Unfortunately, it definitely happens," said criminal defense attorney Vinoo Varghese. "There's a whole process for transporting fugitives that can be quite expensive and North Carolina is not a quick trip."

- Browne refused to blame Guilford County police for their decision not to extradite Pride.
- "One of our officers is dead because Pride shot him," said Browne. "It's wrong to put the murder of a police officer on the responsibility of another jurisdiction instead of on Lamont Pride."

Killed in the line of duty

NEW YORK. Figoski is the 10th officer to die in the line of duty since 2001, and the second this year; Alain Schaberger broke his neck when he fell over a railing while responding to a domestic violence call in March.

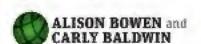
Figoski leaves behind four daughters, ages 14 to 20, and is part of a family of officers.

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But yesterday, Pride turned up at 25 Pine St. in Cypress Hills. There, police say, he and another suspect were robbing a 25year-old basement tenant when Figoski and his partner arrived.

Figoski was shot in the face and died at Jamaica Hospital.

No one in Guilford County law enforcement was available to confirm the NYPD's assertion that North Carolina law enforcement decided not to pick him up.





Second person arrested

NEW YORK. Police arrested the alleged accomplice in connection with Figoski's death yesterday afternoon, according to the Post.

The NYPD had released surveillance video yesterday, showing a man in a Tshirt and pants walking down a street.

They said the man was a "person of interest" in connection with the murder.

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200 Figoski made 200 more than 200 arrests during his tenure as an NYPD officer, according to Police Commissioner Ray Kelly.





OWS protesters go for Goldman

Occupy held faux press conference as 'vampire squid' Stunt targeted the notorious investment bank

Police arrested 17 Occupy Wall Street protesters during a rally against Goldman Sachs yesterday morning that was coordinated in solidarity with West Coast protests in which activists tried to shut down shipping ports in a show of support for union workers.

Several hundred protesters walked from Zuccotti Park to Goldman's Financial District headquarters where they demonstrated - some wearing squid costumes inspired by writer Matt Taibbi's infamous characterization of the testers that they would be bank as "a great vampire arrested if they didn't move. squid wrapped around the Mark Bray, a member of the

17 Number of protesters arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and criminal trespassing, according to the NYPD

face of humanity."

The protesters then moved to the World Financial Center where they continued to chant inside the Winter Garden owned by Brookfield Properties, the same company that owns Zuccotti Park.

A man in a suit, surrounded by police, used a bullhorn to warn the proOWS press working group, said protesters were already dispersing when police started making arrests.

"The police are more interested in looking out for companies like Brookfield than they are in de-escalating situations without resorting to arrests," Bray told Metro. "You can see where their role leads them."

Bray said members of Occupy Wall Street have been meeting at cafes, the Atrium at 60 Wall Street or borrowed office space since the Nov. 15 eviction of Zuccotti Park.



Serial rapist sentenced to centuries in prison

NEW YORK. A serial rapist who was convicted of committing five brutal rapes in Manhattan was sentenced yesterday to 428 years behind bars.

Vincent Heyward, 23, was slapped with a sentence of 200 years to life with a second consecutive sentence of 228 years, the Manhattan district attorney announced yesterday.

"The defendant viciously preyed on victims who were physically weaker than him, including a 69year-old woman," said Manhattan DA Cyrus Vance. "Thanks to the successful use of forensic DNA evidence in the investigation. this criminal was held responsible for a monstrous pattern of violence against New York women."

On November 18, a jury



convicted Heyward of multiple felonies, including eighteen counts of predatory sexual assault. Heyward was found guilty of raping five women, ranging in age from 23- to 69years old, in Hamilton Heights and Chinatown over the course of August and September of 2009. MEMILY ANNE EPSTEIN

Catalog of horrors

Aug. 1, 2009: Heyward grabbed a 59-year-old woman, pulled her into an alley behind West 148th street, and raped, sodomized and robbed her at knife-point.

Aug. 10, 2009: Heyward followed a 23-year-old woman into her apartment building on West 144th Street, held a knife to her throat, and raped and robbed her.

Aug. 18, 2009: Heyward followed a 69-year-old woman into an apartment building on Riverside Drive, threw her to the ground, sodomized and robbed her.

Aug. 23, 2009: Heyward entered an apartment building on Broome Street, and robbed and tried to rape a 34-year-old woman.

Alleged perv arrest

FLATBUSH, Andrew Goodman, 27, was arrested for allegedly molesting two Orthodox Jewish boys for years, the New York Post reported, Goodman allegedly filmed sex acts with the children on his webcam. His arrest came out of the Brooklyn DA's initiative "Kol Tzedek," Hebrew for "voice of justice." The DA's orthodox community liaison helps coach victims to come forward. @ METRO/EAE

Don't get High Line

CHELSEA. The High Line is indeed living up to its name: The Parks Department has given out 113 summonses to people drinking at the popular elevated park, which makes up 15 percent of 753 total drinking tickets in all city parks. Many of those ticketed were couples who brought bottles of wine into the park. Tickets are about \$25 if you're caught drinking on the High Line.

PA losing millions

PORT AUTHORITY. The Port Authority has been undercharging tenants at JFK Airport, according to the New York Post. The newspaper reported that the cashstrapped Port Authority is losing \$16.9 million by not charging businesses like British Airways and Delta Airlines full price for their utility bills, incorrectly estimated because of faulty electricity meters. The Port Authority vowed to collect owed money. • METRO/AB



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Why have knee injections failed in the past? What's different about Dr. Chen's procedure?

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Floating pooch rescued from Hudson by NYPD

A game of catch turned frightful for a Chelsea dog owner when his pooch jumped into the Hudson River on Sunday.

Scott Kariya, 40, was playing Frisbee with his dog Bodhi at the riverfront park near 13th and West streets, police said, when the disc skipped off the ground and into the water.

His 2-and-a-half-year-old Airedale terrier leapt into the river after it, police said.

Harbor patrol officers Benjamin Reiver and Kevin Fedynak raced to the scene after receiving a 911 call reporting a dog in the water.

Police found Kariya on a piling and Bodhi floating underneath the structure. Officer Fedynak was able to pull the dog safely from the water and onto the boat using a canine noose, police said. The officers wrapped the dog in towels and brought him into the warm cabin on the boat to prevent hypothermia.

After rescuing the pooch, the officers helped Kariya off the side of the pier.

This is the second time Fedynak and Reiver have saved a drifting canine. The police officers were called to rescue a German shepherd dog on July 25 of this year near Manhattan Beach in Brooklyn. The current had whisked the GSD a mile offshore when the officers saved him.







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Dozens of votes were cast for Steve Jobs and the Occupy movement on the first day of voting in Metro's Person of the Year event. We're moving away from Man and Woman of the year and now calling it Person of the Year, because groups were nominated as well as individuals. Jobs and Occupy are just about neck and neck, with Congresswoman Gabby Giffords trailing in third place.

To vote: Send your pick to mwoty@metro.us. The choices are Steve Jobs. the Occupy movement, or Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords.

Obama: US will stay loyal partner for Iraq



Troops make their way out as end-of-year pullout approaches

President Barack Obama yesterday pledged that Washington would remain a strong partner for Iraq as U.S. troops exit by yearend, and played down the risk this departure creates a power vacuum Iran can exploit.

The withdrawal of almost all U.S. troops from Iraq by Dec. 31 has created uncertainty at a time the region remains roiled by the Arab Spring, and amid fear Syrian instability could spread sectarian strife into neighboring Iraq.

But Obama told a press conference with Iraqi President Nuri al-Maliki Washington remains a strong Middle East presence.

"As we end this war and as Iraq faces its future, the Iraqi people must know that you will not stand alone. You have a strong and enduring partner in the United States of America."

Fulfilling a vow to Americans weary of the nearly 9-year-old war as he campaigns for re-election in 2012, Obama's order for the troops to leave came after a deal to keep thousands of U.S. trainers on the ground failed on the issue of immunity from prosecution in Iraq. RELITERS

Dear Iran, we'd like our drone back

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President Barack Obama yesterday said the U.S. government had requested the return of a spy drone downed over Iran but declined to discuss if its loss could compromise U.S. national security.

"We have asked for it back. We'll see how the Iranians respond," Obama said during a joint news conference with Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki after the two met at the White House, REUTERS

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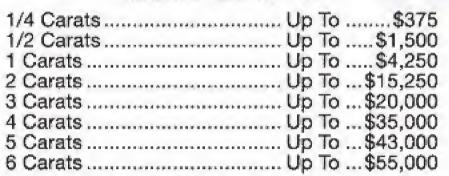






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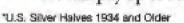
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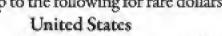
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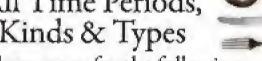
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Intel: Floods in Thailand taking toll on supplies

CALIFORNIA, Intel Corp. warned that hard-disk drive supply shortages would hurt its currentquarter revenue, the latest heavyweight in the PC industry to caution about the effects of flooding that has crippled factories in Thailand.

Intel is the world's largest chipmaker.

Hundreds of people have died in flooding in Thailand that has caused billions of dollars in damages since late July and disrupted international supply chains in the PC and automobile industries.

PC makers have been scrambling to buy increasingly scarce hard drives after the flooding shut down factories in the country, which is the world's No. 2 exporter of the components. reuters



Rekindling the Fire

Amazon.com, the largest Internet retailer, said it will release a software update for the Kindle Fire tablet to improve performance, make touch navigation easier and let users choose what items are displayed.

The update will be available online in less than two weeks, Seattlebased Amazon said in an e-mailed statement.

"As with all of our products, we continue to

Complaints

Users have complained on Amazon's website that the screen is difficult to navigate, scrolling is "jittery" and there's no way to lock the device for security.

make them better for customers with regular software updates," a spokeswoman for Amazon said. BLOOMBERG

Poll: Most would blow the whistle

More than 3/4 of workers say they would report corporate theft if guaranteed anonymity and a reward



Four months after U.S. financial regulators opened a whistleblower office, more than three-quarters of polled Americans said they would blow the whistle under the protections and incentives now offered by the government.

According to a poll released yesterday, 78 percent of Americans said they would report wrongdoing in the workplace as long as they could do it anonymously and without retaliation - for a mone-

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tary award.

At the same time, 68 percent of those surveyed

did not know the new SEC whistleblower program existed, the survey found.

Law firm Labaton Sucharow, which established a whistleblower practice this summer, commissioned the telephone poll of 1,007 households.

The agency's new program, which is part of the Dodd-Frank financial regulatory law. allows whistleblowers to remain anonymous and includes protections against employer retaliation. REUTERS





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THE WORD

Metro's Dorothy Robinson shares her take on the world of gossip **b** @dorothyatmetro **dorothy.robinson@metro.us**

Hulk Hogan is not a homosexual, OK?

Hulk Hogan, who filed a defamation suit against exwife Linda Bollea, says he's just trying to defend his reputation. "After the fouryear crazy divorce I thought I'd heard everything I could hear in the courtroom," the former wrestling star tells Us Weekly. "Then all of a sudden she says I abused her, that I was violent. She told everybody that I was a homosexual." Hogan adds that his real problem with Bollea's accusations is that they aren't accurate. "If any of that was true, I would admit it, and, [if] I was a homosexual, I would embrace it," he says. "If you're going to say I'm something that I'm not to try to ruin my career and my livelihood, I



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"[If] I was a homosexual, I would embrace it."

have to answer her back."

Look, Linda. Just because at one point in his life, your ex-husband had a huge boa scarf collection and loved Spandex, tan skin, rippling muscles, ripping his shirt off at the drop of a hat and pinning sweaty men to the ground, does not mean he was in the closet while you were married. If it were someone else's husband, however, I'd be a tad worried.

A theft-filled weekend for Lohan

Lindsay Lohan had a drama-filled weekend, and not just because of her leaked Playboy spread. While partying in Hawaii, the troubled starlet reportedly had her purse stolen, according to TMZ. The \$5,000 Chanel handbag, which was snatched from a parked car, was said to contain \$10,000 in cash. The purse was later returned, minus the cash. Lohan was reportedly fretting another probation violation, as her passport and court documents allowing her to travel were also in the purse but were returned safely.

Which leads me to a very pressing, unrelated question: Do drug dealers accept traveler's checks?





The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

John Cleese is doing a lot of interviews, Russell Crowe is enjoying his workout, Sarah Silverman is deciphering animal thinking and Julie Benz wants some Christmas cheer.

► AJohnCleese:

Nearly the end of another gruelling week of talking about myself. It's a good job that I'm so interesting...

Sweaty minutes in the gym. Some days you love it, some you hate it. Today was all love.

► (A) SarahK

Silverman: My dog has to think the elevator's a time machine, right? There's no other possible explanation.

**Royaliebenz: whenever someone says
"we're only giving
gifts to the kids this
holiday season" my
inner child screams
"NO! I want
presents
too!!"

Talking points

Kutcher's resolutions are set

Ashton Kutcher is looking to get a jump on his New Year's resolutions, and given the year he's had, it's not such a surprise. "I'm gonna do my resolution in December this year," he says in a Warner Bros. Studio interview. "I'm resoluting for December so that when I come to January, and everybody else is having to go through the grind, I'm already ahead of it, I've already done it. It's like taking the PSATs. I'm just trying to stay ahead of the curve. There is a curve."

Federline's 'Excess Baggage'

Kevin Federline was hospitalized in Australia recently while filming "Excess Baggage," a weight-loss reality TV show, according to E! Online. "Our first shoot was in November in the Kimberley region in Outback Western Australia," a spokesman for the show says. "During the shoot, under advice from the show's medic, Kevin was taken to hospital as he was showing signs of heat

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WWW.METRO.US/WORD DOROTHY ROBINSON'S WORD BLOG stress." The former backup dancer is said to be doing fine and already back for more filming in the area.

Jones is not fond of marriage

Rashida Jones won't be looking to tie the knot anytime soon, if her feelings about marriage are any indication. "I totally believe in romance and love and all that, but the actual institution of marriage - in this country, more than half the people get divorced. So, something's not working," she tells People magazine. "I'm not saying it doesn't work for everybody. I love going to weddings."



O'Donnell splurges on engagement ring

Rosie O'Donnell pulled out all the stops when she popped the question to fiancee Michelle Rounds recently. "I proposed with my head down, hand out and a huge lump in my throat," she tells Us Weekly of the bigmoment, during which she presented Rounds with a \$100,000 diamond and platinum ring. But even though it was love at first sight for O'Donnell, she did her best to play it cool. "I knew about a week after we met, but I did the smart thing and didn't propose right away," she says. "You know, I'm at the age where I just knew."

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Obama is a Belieber – and other topics

- 1. President Barack Obama and Justin Bieber shook hands onstage during the "Christmas in Washington 2011" show at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C., on Sunday.
- 2. Miley Cyrus attended the "CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute" at The Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, Calif., on Sunday.
- 3. Jamie Bell, who provided the voice for the titular character Tintin, attended the New York premiere of "The Adventures of Tintin" at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York City on Sunday. The motion-capture 3-D film will be released on Dec. 21.
 - Hilary Swank attended the Broadway opening night of "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever" at the St. James Theatre in New York City on Sunday.
 - 5. Taylor Swift looked nothing less than a princess as she received the prestigious Nashville Harmony Award in a Reem Acra ball gown at the annual Nashville Symphony Ball in Nashville, Tenn., on Saturday.
- Helen Mirren hosted the Nobel Peace Prize concert at the Oslo Spektrum in Oslo, Norway, on Sunday.

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When dreams become nightmares

In new book, Peter Bebergal recalls his coming-of-age via psychedelics and the underground It's a trip with psychonauts, punks and freaks

"I had glimpsed the sun behind the moon in the middle of the night and its rays had filled me with hope," writes author Peter Bebergal, describing his first experience with marijuana in his memoir, "Too Much to Dream: A Psychedelic American Boyhood." Like many a lonely, geeky suburban kid growing up in the '70s, Bebergal began his adolescence as a devotee of comic books, Tolkien and D&D, but he grew restless.

"It could no longer contain a deeper spiritual need I had," he says. "I wanted to

Diving back in

- We wondered if reliving some of the traumatic experiences described in "Too Much to Dream" was a harrowing experience for Peter Bebergal, who has been sober for two decades, but he says it actually helped bring them into context.
- "I learned two things: Compassion for my teenage self and an understanding that no life exists in a vacuum, that so much of our expectations and sense of self is shaped by powerful cultural influences."

experience real magic."

For the counterculture of his era, still awash in the wide-eyed but nervous afterglow of the '60s, that meant three things above all: Turning on, tuning in and dropping out.

From that initial experience with cannabis, Bebergal embarks upon a whirlwind coming-of-age journey, consorting with homeless acid-heads, occult-obsessed mall security guards, desperate hardcore punkers and other fringe dwellers. He delves into underground comics, psychedelic rock, Western cer-

emonial magic and lots and lots of tripping. Along the way, Bebergal presents a primer on the psychedelic era, discussing in extended non-memoir passages the history of LSD, the I-Ching, the Silver Surfer, Pink Floyd and more, portraying from myriad angles his generation's quest for, in his words, "something else, some abstract more always undefined, but always there on the periphery and as unattainable as a horizon."



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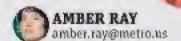
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TV watch list



'Glee'

COMEDY. If you don't believe that this could be the best Christmas-themed episode of the holiday season, then you obviously haven't heard that the New Directions crew is paying homage to the greatest holiday special of all time: "The Star Wars Holiday Special." Chewbacca even quest stars tonight! 8 p.m.,

'William & Kate: Inside the Royal Marriage'

SPECIAL. Fascinating stuff about the royals in this special hosted by Natalie Morales — unless, of course, you've picked up a tabloid in the last six months and already read it all. 8 p.m., NBC AMBER RAY

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Make sure you and your family members are vaccinated against hepatitis A before adopting.



Get the kids cooking

The Veggiecation Program, a curriculumbased series that encourages children to love their vegetables, is partnering with Whole Foods to lead a free cooking demo for kids next Tuesday, Dec. 20, at Whole Foods

on the Upper West Side. Children will learn how to make spinach hummus as well as greenleaf wraps with mozzarella and basil oil; plus, they'll take home coloring books, word games, mazes and stickers. No preregistration is necessary. For more info, visit www.veggiecation.com.



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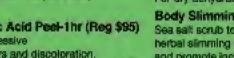
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Should your kid have an online presence?

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Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon recently caused a stir when they created Dembabies.com, a website dedicated to their newborn twins Moroccan and Monroe, complete with intimate and revealing shots of the babies in the bath and even in the hospital. But the Carey-Cannons are not the only family giving their kids an online presence at a very early age - babies are now on Twitter, YouTube and Facebook, which even has an option to add an "expected" member of their family, complete with a photo and due date.

The average child's "digital birth" is at about 6 months old, according to a global report by Internet Security specialist AVG, although photos of 33 percent of children are posted online just weeks after birth, and almost a quarter of children have a digital footprint before birth, when their parents put sonogram photos online. Eighty-one percent of children have a digital profile by age 2.

"Parents should bear in mind that as soon as they post something online it is very difficult and often im-



Web safety tips

- Read the terms of use of the website that you intend to use; many have rules about the minimum age of users.
- Keep in mind that the Internet is a public place; references to your child will be available forever and a child's reputation can be impacted by anything that a parent chooses to share.
- Set your privacy settings carefully and consider sharing only with immediate family and friends.
- Don't use full names and avoid explicitly identifiable information.

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possible to remove," warns Pamela Whitby, author of "Is your child safe online?: A parent's guide to the internet, Facebook, mobile phones & other new media." "By creating a digital presence for your child at a young age, you may be compromising their privacy. Parents should ask themselves how they would feel if every aspect of their own childhood was made public," says Whitby. "Some children may not like the history their parents have created for them."





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People of the year confusion?

RE: "MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR": Metro is asking readers to choose a person of the year between Steve Jobs, the Occupy protestors and Gabrielle Giffords. What, exactly, do people who are exceptionally bright have to do with people who stand up against the criminal abuse of capitalism have to do with people who advocate guns and then are victims of it? Nothing, absolutely nothing. But then again President Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize — so anything goes, as they say. SUZY SANDOR, NEW YORK

Celeb news is the new news

RE: "FROM LAUER TO SEACREST": I stopped watching the Today Show more than a year ago. Even though I know it's not real news, that show used to be more about news than Entertainment Tonight. Now it seems the Today Show is the morning version of celebrity TV shows. So since that's the move they're heading toward, why not get a Hollywooder like Ryan Seacrest. The Today Show is now 90 percent fluff and maybe 10 percent news. Ryan fits right in. CYNTHIA KING, VIA E-MAIL

It's OK to say: **Merry Xmas**

I am so tired of everyone omitting Christmas and substituting it with holiday. Why is it so politically incorrect to say "Merry Christmas" when it's quite fine to say "Happy Hanukkah"? We don't call the menorali a holiday candle — why should the Christmas tree be called a holiday tree? Why does everything that's related to Christmas have to be holiday? There is no reason: Christians honor Christ at Christmastime and decorate to celebrate. No one is taking away Kwanza and Hanukkah. I

sure don't want to, and I respect these religious days. Others should respect Christians and let us have our Christmas! IACOUIE HANNIGAN, VIA E-MAIL

Listening is communication

RE: "WHAT GOOD COMMUNICATION REALLY MEANS": Monica Weymouth's piece hits the nail squarely. Communication is more than memos on bulletin boards. As I constantly remind my classes, communication is a two-way street - with listening a crucial segment. Much of my

KIRK HAZLETT, VIA E-MAIL

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time as a PR professional was spent counseling senior management on this non-negotiable point, Fortunately, most listened. Those who didn't learned.

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Horoscope

A Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. An ambitious objective isn't apt to be fulfilled, because it's likely that you'll only be willing to wish for what you want but not eager to work for it. 13 Capricom Bec. 22-Jan. 19. If you hear about something that sounds wonderful but requires a large outlay of cash, don't jump in without first checking out its bona fides. Naivete could cost a bundle. Aguarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. Someone on whom you're counting for help concluding a very complicated matter might let you down. You could be in trouble unless you have a backup plan ready, just in case. H Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. A job you've been putting off for quite some time might become a thorn in your side. Don't waste any more time making excuses - get down to business as promptly as possible. T Aries March 21-April 19. Wanting things and being able to afford them are two entirely different matters. Don't let your extravagant whims overwhelm your common sense. Taurus April 20-May 20. Some of your objectives aren't likely to be achieved, because it isn't likely that you'll get organized enough to do what it takes to realize your aims.

II Gemini May 21-June 20. Be very careful of what you voice about others, even those who may deserve being put in his or her place. Unfortunately, what you say and how you say it could make you look bad. Cancer June 21-July 22. If being friends with someone is predicated

purely upon what they can do for you, the relationship is likely to fall flat. It might be wise to examine your reasons for this behavior. Ω Leo July 23-Aug. 22. It wouldn't be smart to get into a finger-pointing contest with an associate at work, because there is no way it will make either of you smell nice. The bad odor could even affect your career. IV Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. It doesn't matter if it happens at work or in a social setting, arguing political intriques is likely to cause you some

problems. Don't be jackeyed into feeling you must participate. Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. The change that you've been fervidly awaiting might happen at last; but once it does, you could wonder why it was something you thought you wanted. M. Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22, Before you lash out about some unflattering things being said about you, perhaps it might be wise to check it out first. What is told to you may have no basis in fact. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

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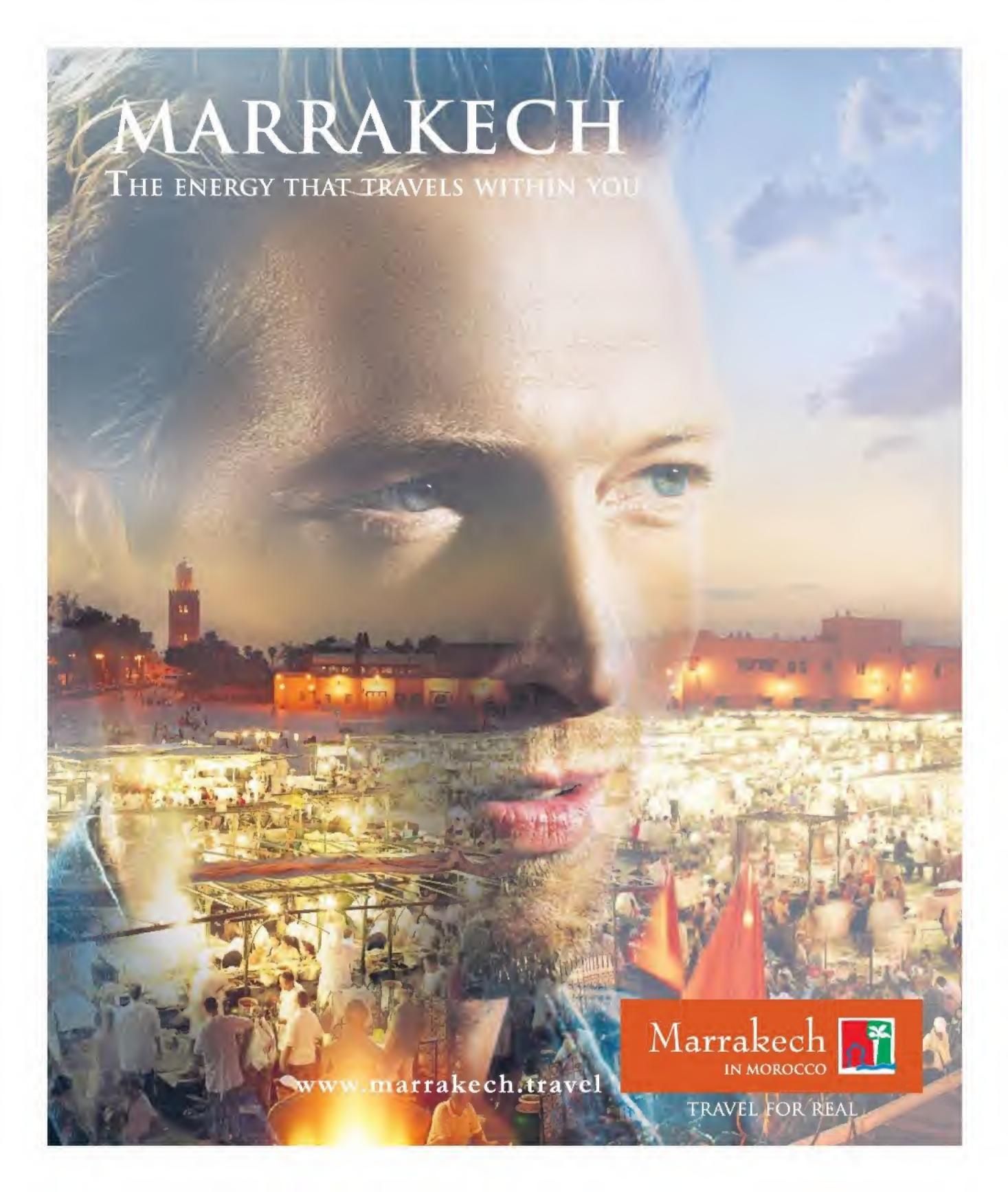
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In the news

Knicks thinking big

New York not shying away from talking championship on Media Day New 'Big 3' of Chandler, Melo, Amar'e get first real practice in together Anthony: 'For us, sky is the limit'

Carmelo injures knee in practice

Carmelo Anthony went down midway through the practice session with an apparent leg injury and didn't finish the workout.

He left the floor under his own power and was declared "day-today" with a hyperextended left knee. Mike D'Antoni was so sure Melo would be OK that he joked afterwards that his star was pulling a fast one.

"He's practicing tomorrow, I believe. But I think it was a veteran move he put on us [to get out of practice]. But he's OK. Our thinking was he's been great for us so far, so why risk it?" METRO/TW



The Knicks might not be done retooling its roster, but that didn't stop the important cogs from mentioning championship aspirations.

Forget that the Knicks have a legitimate question mark at point guard, everybody's thinking big.

"For us, sky's the limit," said Carmelo Anthony during Media Day yesterday. "The team did a great job of building a great frontcourt. We're ready to take on the challenges [so] line 'em up. We're ready to play and

ready to compete for a championship."

The nine-year veteran said he's done just about everything in his career, except win a title, so he's ready for whatever coach Mike D'Antoni has in store.

"My thing is whatever

coach needs from me I'll try to do and make it happen," Anthony said. "The focus will be to make Amar'e [Stoudemire] and Tyson [Chandler]'s jobs easier."





Leonhard tears knee tendon

As they say: Where's there's smoke there's

fire. The same goes for injury rumors.

The news after Sunday's Jets win was that Jim Leonhard would be out for the season. An MRI yesterday confirmed a torn patellar tendon. "You feel absolutely terrible for him," head coach Rex Ryan said.
"This team means everything to Jim, and his leadership is obviously going to be missed — without question." • METHO









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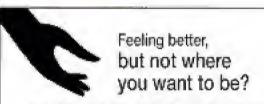
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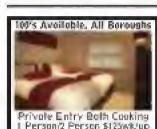
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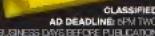
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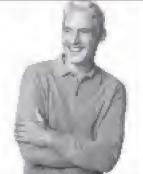
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